

House Resolution 1171

By: Representatives Richardson of the 19th, Keen of the 179th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Roberts of the 154th, and Smith of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Lonice C. Barrett; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Lonice C. Barrett has long been recognized by everyone associated with state
3 and local government as a dedicated and enthusiastic leader who has made it his personal
4 mission to sustain, enhance, protect, and conserve the natural, historic, and cultural resources
5 of this state; and

6 WHEREAS, his ethical and enlightened stewardship as commissioner of natural resources
7 and unparalleled work ethic epitomizes perfectly the ideal and true spirit of public service;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, his candescent career with the Department of Natural Resources spanned an
10 unprecedented 32 years during which time he served superbly as commissioner since 1995
11 on behalf of Governor Zell Miller, Governor Roy Barnes, and Governor Sonny Perdue; and

12 WHEREAS, he is of a naturally quiet and retiring disposition and has placed himself into a
13 position demanding the most public of performances, and his mastering of the substantive
14 aspects of all environmental matters brought an unmatched expertise to this body and to the
15 operation and administration of the Department of Natural Resources; and

16 WHEREAS, the members of this body, and in particular those who worked closely with him
17 on so many conservation, natural resources, wildlife, and government reform matters, admire
18 his consistently thorough consideration of issues, and his integrity and reliability rightfully
19 earned him our honor, respect, and trust; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2004, he was appointed by Governor Perdue to spearhead implementation
21 of the recommendations of the Commission for a New Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, his leadership of these government reformation initiatives has resulted in the
2 immediate savings of millions of taxpayer dollars and will result in the long-term savings of
3 hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars; and

4 WHEREAS, he consistently demonstrated a solid commitment to the careful study of
5 sensitive issues and proposed solutions and quickly developed a reputation as an equitable,
6 impartial leader whose decisions were governed by the rules of honesty and fair play and
7 whose actions were marked by unmatched dignity, grace, and wisdom; and

8 WHEREAS, his unparalleled organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
9 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens
10 of his community and state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
11 associates; and

12 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
13 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 GEORGIA that the members of this body commend Lonice C. Barrett for the three and
16 one-half decades of effective, efficient, unselfish, and dedicated service that he has rendered
17 on behalf of Georgia; extend to him their utmost appreciation for his having so purely and
18 truly defined for others the meaning of public servant; and offer to him their most sincere
19 best wishes for continued health and happiness.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lonice C. Barrett.